

the theory that a part of the community can enforce its will upon the rest when a disagreement arises.

# UNIONS HOLD LEAD IN BRITISH STRIKE

## So Far Workers Have Gained All Their Ends.

By the Associated Press.  
LONDON, Sept. 27.—The first day of the greatest strike in England's history passed without disorder, but with practically complete stoppage of railway transport throughout the country. Thus far it has been, from a union standpoint, the most successful sleep of industry ever recorded by warring labor.

To-night a great mass meeting of railway men was held in Albert Hall, at which James Henry Thomas, secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, after the audience for an hour had sung "The Red Flag," delivered a heated speech of praise to the Government, and declared that trouble was brewing which might lead to bloodshed.

Both Thomas and C. T. Cramp, president of the union, who preceded him, asserted that the men were firmly behind the leaders in this great crisis.

**Says Government Lies.**  
President Cramp denounced the Government statement regarding the purpose of the strike as "deliberate lies." It was not the public with whom the strikers were at war, he declared; it was the people who were for the moment in the position of directing the affairs of the country.

All the powers of hell, the press, platform and pulpit, he said, would be invoked against the strikers, said President Cramp, but if they remained solid they would be victorious.

Both speakers denounced what they characterized as the Government attempt to bias the mind of the public by saying that the strike was not in defense of union rights, but against the life of the community. Answering the Premier's strong statement earlier in the day that the strike was an anarchistic conspiracy against the Government, Secretary Thomas declared it that were true "God help the country."

He had warned the Government that their proposals would be fatal to peace. He knew that trouble was brewing that might lead to bloodshed.

"My answer to the Prime Minister's challenge," said Mr. Thomas, "is that if he will now say to us officially himself, not influenced or intimidated by an one else—if he will say, as head of the State, that he is prepared to concede the same principle to all railway servants, then the strike can cease at once."

**Lloyd George Is Bitter.**  
In a telegram expressing his regrets that he would be unable to attend the soldiers' celebration at Carnarvon, Premier Lloyd George expressed himself on the strike as follows:

"In a long and varied experience I can recall no strike entered into so lightly, with so little justification and such entire disregard for public interest. The strike is not one in which it can be contended that the workers are seeking to bring fair wages from harsh employers, whose profits are believed to be excessive. In this case the railway men are dealing direct with the community."

"The State is now running the railways at a loss, due in the main to the enormous increase made in the wages of the railway workers since the beginning of the war, and also to the great reduction in the hours of labor. This loss is being borne by the general taxpayer, and will soon have to be passed on to the general public in the form of increased fares and charges. On its merits the strike is inexplicable."

Describing the Government's terms as stated by Sir Robert Stevenson Home, Minister of Labor, yesterday, as generous, the Premier says:

"The dispute, such as it is, is about something which cannot possibly come into operation until next year; yet the nation is thrown into the dislocation of a hurried strike without even a week's warning."

Pointing out that the men declined even to discuss the Government's offer to consider any particular injustice, the Premier declares: "Every employer, every worker, is entitled to at least one week's notice to terminate contracts of service. The precipitancy of this action gives the impression of a deliberate and matured intention on the part of some individuals to seek a quarrel at any cost."

"It has convinced me it is not a strike for wages or better conditions. The Government have reason to believe it has been engineered for some time by a small but active body of men who have wrought tirelessly and insidiously to exploit the labor organizations of this country for subversive ends."

"I am convinced that the vast majority of the trade unionists of the land are opposed to this anarchistic conspiracy. They can see the ruin and misery it has brought in other lands. And their common sense has hitherto guarded their organizations against the control of these intriguers. These men have made many efforts to get hold of the levers of trade unionism; so far as their endeavors have ended in failure."

"There is no more patriotic body of men in this country than the railway men, and their conduct during the war demonstrated that fact. When they realize that they are not fighting for fair conditions for labor of their class but are being used by extremists for sinister purposes, their common sense will resume its sway and save the country yet and their families from disaster."

"Meanwhile the interests of the nation and Government have no alternative but to accept the challenge thrown down to society as a whole. They intend to meet this blow at the disposal of the State, and they look to the nation without distinction of class, for it affects everybody, cheerfully to bear

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the privations which will result from this indefensible strike, and give their aid to maintaining the fabric of social order upon which the prosperity of this country depends."

In the beginning of his message Mr. Lloyd George said:

"I have been constantly criticised as too extreme a partisan of those who are struggling for better conditions."

**Stoppage Is Complete.**

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Secretary Thomas declared that in all his experience he had never found so determined a desire on the part of some of the Premier's advisers to do everything to prevent a settlement being reached.

**Thomas Makes Demand.**

A lengthy verbatim report issued officially to-night concerning Friday's conference between the Government and railway men shows that Secretary Thomas asked for a minimum of \$15 a week for all workers. Lloyd George admitted that the railway men before the war had been disgracedly underpaid.

Liverpool's meat supply was held up at Birkenhead. At Hartlepool the steel works closed and the iron works are damping down. Clerks worked the trains on a small stretch of the Great Eastern. One aged union fireman refused to strike because he had completed to within one day of fifty years of service.

Several race meetings were abandoned. Sir Edward Carson was unable to open his home rule campaign at Belfast because no train was available to take him from London.

The mail deliveries in London to-day were virtually restricted to letters posted in London, but the Postmaster-General is organizing a road transport for the mails and expects to have a fairly efficient service in the next day or two, which it is hoped to supplement with an air service. Arrangements have already been made to transport the mails to Belgium and Holland by airplanes.

**Will Aid Hospitals.**

The railwaymen's strike committee agreed late to-day to transport food needed by hospitals and fodder for the horses owned by the railways.

Government arrangements to meet the strike emergency have been completed with the greatest rapidity. Already supplies of petrol have been rationed and

distributed to prevent the stoppage of motor transport, upon which the nation may have to depend largely for food and other necessities.

One of the most serious features of the strike is that some of the most important manufacturing centers have only a few days' supply of coal and may be forced to shut their works.

The Coal Controller has issued orders stopping foreign shipments of coal at Cardiff. His object is to conserve all coal for use in this country.

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"In the present crisis it is essential to conserve coal and keep shipping running—consequently call on owners, officers and men alike to repeat the spirit in which they faced the crisis of 1914."

**Government Is Attacked.**

The present strike is of a different nature from ordinary labor disturbances because the railways and the mines are under Government management. Therefore there is no question of the Government maintaining neutrality between employers and workmen, as it has generally attempted to do. The responsibility rests for the moment on the Cabinet, but Parliament may be summoned to support the Ministry in its task.

Heretofore the Government has been blamed by a large section of the press for the country's after-war troubles, but nearly all newspapers have now dropped partisanship and are supporting the authorities. The general opinion expressed by the newspaper commentators is that the labor leaders are trying to use the strike weapon to enforce their campaign for the nationalization of the railways and mines. The labor interests, on the other hand, declare that the Government are not making a firm agreement for wages adequate to the increased cost of living under better living conditions.

The members of the Government, who, with Premier Lloyd George, are pitted against the railway organization, are Sir Eric Geddes, Minister of Transport; Sir Auckland Geddes, Minister of National Service and Reconstruction; Sir Robert S. Horne, Minister of Labor, and Edward Shortt, Home Secretary.

**Premier Is Conciliator.**

The Premier alone of this group has a reputation as a conciliator in dealing with workmen. The Geddes brothers have been the Government handymen in several offices during the war. Sir Eric, with his American railwaying experience and his record as head of the Admiralty, gained a rating in the popular eye as a masterful and unyielding character.

Shortt's personality makes no special appeal to the sympathies of the working people. He is a lawyer with a court manner, who had a brief career as Irish Secretary in a stormy period. Recently he had to deal with the London police strike, when he stood successfully for the unconditional discharge of all the strikers.

St. Robert Stevenson Home is a Scotch lawyer, popular in Parliament, but all the labor papers objected to his appointment on the ground that he had

no special knowledge of labor matters and no associations with labor interests. The Food Controller, George Henry Roberts, on the other hand, is a Labor member of Parliament. The three labor leaders who figure thus far in the fight are C. T. Cramp, president of the National Union of Railwaymen; James Henry Thomas, general secretary of this union, and John Bromley, secretary of the Society of Engineers and Firemen.

**Thomas Best Known Leader.**

President Cramp is a man in the early forties. He is little known to the general public. James Henry Thomas is by far the best known of the three. He has been aligned with Arthur Henderson, John Ward and others as a restraining influence against the radicals in the labor movement. Between him and Bromley there has been strong rivalry for leadership in the railway world.

Some newspapers have criticized the position of Mr. Thomas and other paid officials of the labor unions who are members of Parliament, making the point that their duties as legislators and as labor officials are bound to clash. Mr. Thomas was supposed to be against the strike, and is described by reporters as being in tears when discussing the result.

"I am convinced that the Premier was anxious to find some way to a settlement of the differences, but Sir Auckland and Sir Eric Geddes barred every avenue to an understanding," he said.

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**British Press Denounces Railway Men for Strike.**

LONDON, Sept. 27.—Several papers commenting on the strike urge an immediate summoning of Parliament, and there are some indications this will be done. It is contended the nation does not know the full story and that only searching debates in the House of Commons will reveal it.

All shades of opinion in the London press, except the Laborite *Herald*, condemn the National Union of Railwaymen, the action of which in declaring a strike is described as a "wanton war on society and an attempt to starve the country into submission." The newspapers appeal to the people to support the Government in a final fight.

Some editorials express the desire to treat the railway men fairly and admit

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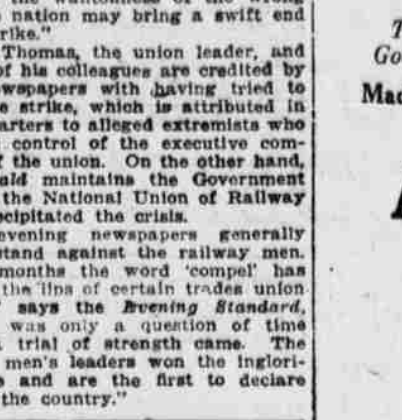
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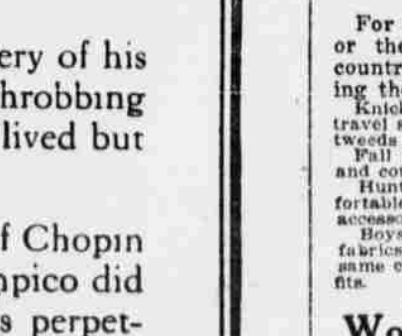
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